

Ruth Mullins RSM



'Into your hands I commend my spirit'



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Entered Eternal Life ~ 17th June 2021

23 June 2021

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
Pennington*

*Priest Celebrants: Fr Tony Densley
Fr Paul Mullins
Fr Maurice Shinnick*

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Lighting of the Pascal Candle

Opening Hymn: **Christ be our light.**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain: *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another

Making Your kindom come.

Refrain

Welcome ~ Sr Nola Morrissy RSM – South A SA Community Leader

Blessing of Coffin with Holy Water

Placement of the Pall and Symbols

Eulogy

First Reading: Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before God, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of God's infinite glory, may you be given power through the Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth, until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My peace be upon you for ever,
my love be within your heart,
my Spirit will keep you safe all your days.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Response

With my chosen one I have made a covenant;
I have sworn to David my servant;
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.

Response

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O Lord;
the assembly of your holy ones proclaims your truth.
For who in the skies can compare with the Lord
or who is like the Lord among the heav'nly beings?

Response

Alleluia, Alleluia;

**Come you whom my Father has blessed, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you since the foundation of the world.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39 – 41; 46 – 56.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

And Mary said,

My soul magnifies the Lord, and I delight in God my savior, who looked with favor on my humble state. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for God, wonderful in power has used that strength for me. Holy the name of the Lord, whose mercy embraces the faithful, one generation to the next. The mighty arm of God scatters the proud in their conceit, pulls tyrants from their thrones, and raises up the humble. The Lord fills the starving and lets the rich go hungry. God rescues lowly Israel, recalling the promise of mercy, the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham's heirs forever.

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Universal Prayer

Celebrant: We come before our Merciful God,
who is always full of tenderness,
that our prayers for Ruth
and for all who mourn her death,
will reach the heart of God.

1. We pray for Ruth, whose baptism into Christ flowered into her vocation as a Sister of Mercy, that she who lived by mercy, will receive the fullness of mercy in heaven.

God of mercy, hear us.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for Ruth's family- the Mullins, Lintern and Williams clans- who greatly loved her and whom she held close in bonds of affectionate love. May they receive the comfort promised to those who mourn.

God of mercy, hear us.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for those who journeyed with Ruth in these last years, Mercy friends, Mercy staff, Weagall residents, dedicated staff at Bucklands together with all who work with the frail aged.

God of mercy, hear us.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

4. We pray that the many ministries of Ruth as teacher, adult faith educator, community builder, visioner of possibilities, compassionate friend to the lost and lonely, gentle companion to the dying -will be continued in her family, Sisters of Mercy and co-workers around the world.

God of mercy, hear us.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

5. We pray that Ruth, reunited with her parents Hugh and Clare, her sisters Marie, Patricia and Marita, her nieces Marilyn and Veronica, her departed Mercy companions now rejoicing in the vast community of saints may sing God's praises forever.
God of mercy, hear us.

God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Eternal God, who showed our world infinite mercy through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, draw close to us at this moment, hear our prayers, and comfort us in our need.
Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Preparation of Gifts

Suscipe

Refrain: My God, I am yours for time and eternity,
Lord, I am yours forever.
It is you must teach me to trust in your Providence,
Loving Lord.

You are a God of love and tenderness.

I place my trust in you,

And I ask that you grant me acceptance of your will,

Loving Lord.

Refrain

Take from my heart all painful anxiety.
Let nothing sadden me but sin.
And then let my delight be hoping to see your face,
Loving Lord.

Refrain

Communion

You Raise Me Up

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.

Refrain: You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be.

Communion Reflection

Pie Jesu

Final Commendation

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Ruth. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. May Ruth now inherit the promise of eternal life and take her place at the table of God's children in heaven.

The Coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed

Song of the Angels

May songs of the Angels welcome you
And guide you along your way
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own
As darkness turns into day
Every fear will be undone
And death will be no more
As songs of the angels bring you home
Before the face of God

Celebrant: Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to our sister, Ruth. Help us who remain, to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you, merciful God, and our sister Ruth, forever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: In peace let us take our sister Ruth to her place of rest.

Symbols and Pall are removed

Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved someone like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
We have already come;
'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home.
And grace will lead us home.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved someone like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
Was blind, but now I see.



Rite of Committal at the Graveside

Leader:

With faith in Jesus Christ we reverently bury the body of our Sister, Ruth. Let us pray with confidence that God, in whose sight all creation lives, will raise up in holiness and power this body of our sister Ruth and commend her soul to be numbered among the blessed. May she rejoice forever in the presence of God and in the company of all the saints.

Reader: Let us pray the words of our foundress, Catherine McAuley.

All: **My God, I am yours for time and eternity.**

Reader: Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms of your loving providence.

All: **With the most lively, unlimited confidence in your compassionate tender pity.**

Reader: Grant me, O most merciful Redeemer that whatever you ordain or permit may be acceptable to me.

All: **Take from my heart all painful anxiety; let nothing sadden me but sin.**

Reader: Let my delight be the hope of coming to the possession of you, my God and my all, in your everlasting kingdom.

All: **My God I am yours for time and eternity.**

Leader: Ruth, may God embrace you with the spirit of love because you have proved it is Jesus Christ whom you have sought and loved with your whole heart.

The coffin is lowered.

Leader: O mothering earth, receive Ruth's body, formed of you by the hand of God, and again returning to your embrace.

Receive her now, as your own.

The Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the first-born from the dead. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life and with longing for the coming of God's reign, we pray

All: Our Father

Let us pray together:

God of endless ages, from one generation to the next you have been our refuge and strength. Accept our prayers for Ruth and for all who are buried here. Give them a place in your kingdom, where hope is firm for all who love and rest is sure for all who serve. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae

Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes

In hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,

Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exsilium ostende,

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Ruth's Journey

1930	Born in Adelaide 1st November
1950	Entered Sisters of Mercy, Angas Street
1952	Diploma of Teaching
1953	Parkside
1956	Millicent
1960	Elizabeth
1963	Angas Street. Taught at Henley South
1968	Parkside. Victor Harbour Motor Mission
1970	Elizabeth. Coordinator Religious Education
1976	U.S.A. Study at Dubuque & Loyola University Chicago
1977	Masters in Education, Chicago U.S.A.
1978	Mount Gambier. PNG Chapter
1979	Angas Street. Lecturer at Theology Institute
1980	Elizabeth. St Thomas More College
1985	Erindale. CEO & School Staff Development
1988	Springfield.
1990	Green Bay U.S.A. Chapter facilitations & student liaison at Fordham
2001	Springfield. Diocesan Vicar for Religious
2003	Pastoral Assistant Thebarton Parish
2006	Pastoral Assistant Pennington Parish
2016	Southern Cross Care, Bucklands
2021	Died 17th June





After the burial at West Terrace Cemetery, you are invited to light refreshments at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Mile End. The venue is on the corner of Victoria Street and Victoria Lane. Please enter through the gate on Victoria Lane.